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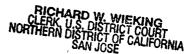
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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EMANUEL W. HAWKINS, Petitioner, v. J. SOTO, Warden, Respondent.

No. C 14-04326 BLF (PR)

ORDER OF TRANSFER

Petitioner, a state prisoner, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, seeking a sentence reduction pursuant to California's Proposition 36.

Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Federal courts in California traditionally have chosen to hear petitions challenging a conviction or sentence in the district of conviction. See Dannenberg v. Ingle, 831 F. Supp. 767, 768 (N.D. Cal. 1993); Laue v. Nelson, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). If the petition is directed to the manner in which a sentence is being executed, e.g., if it involves parole or time credits claims, the district of confinement is the preferable forum. See Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b)(2); Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d 244, 249 (9th Cir. 1989). The petition indicates that Petitioner was convicted Los Angeles County and is currently

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1	confined at the California State Prison in Los Angeles County. (Pet. at 1.) In any
2	case, venue lies properly in the Western Division of the Central District of
3	California. See 28 U.S.C. 84(c).
4	Accordingly, the above-titled action is hereby TRANSFERRED to the United
5	States District Court for the Western Division of the Central District of California.
6	See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1404(a), 2241(d); Habeas L.R. 2254-3.
7	The Clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate any pending motions.
8	IT IS SO ORDERED.
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